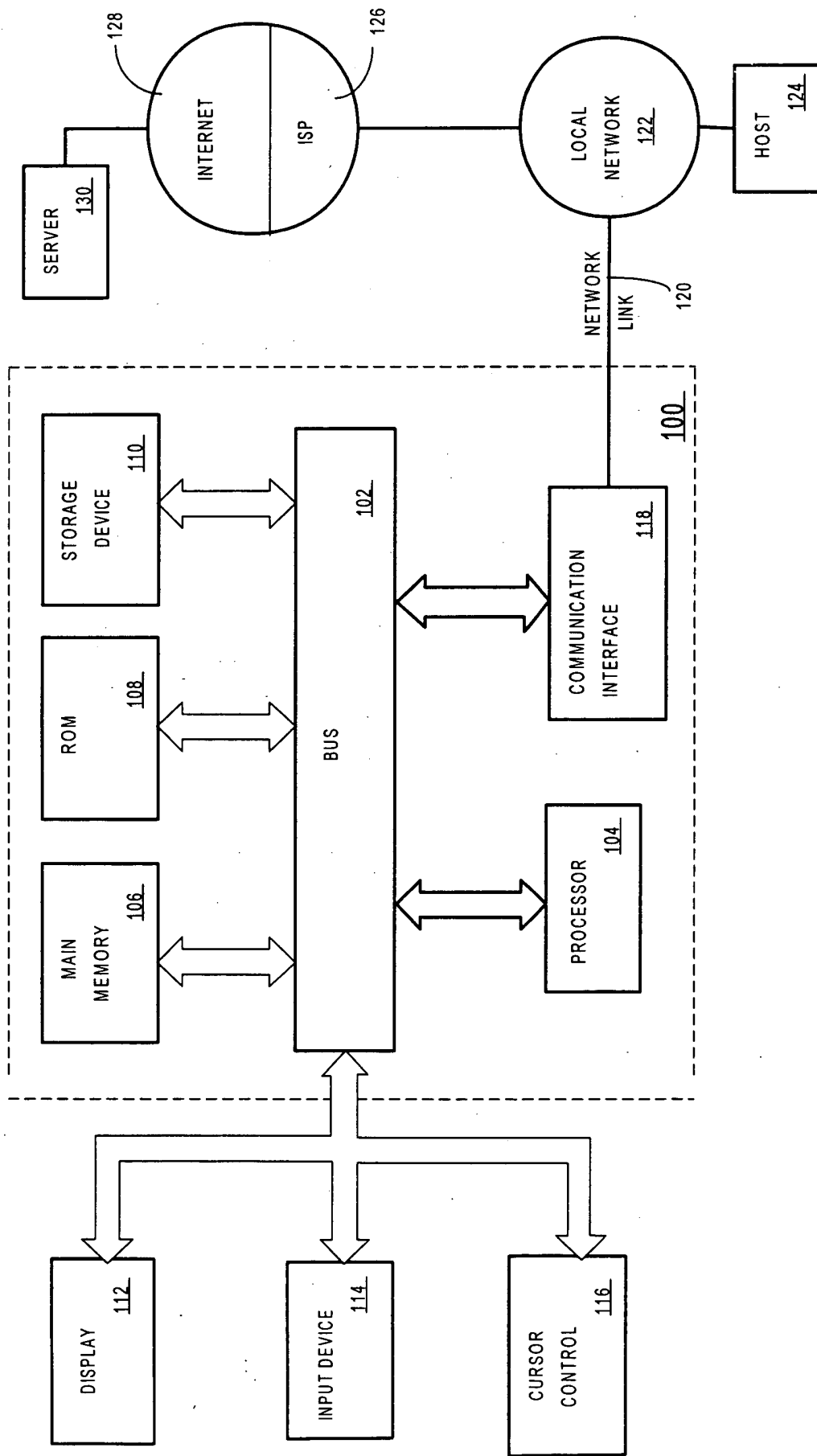


Figure 1



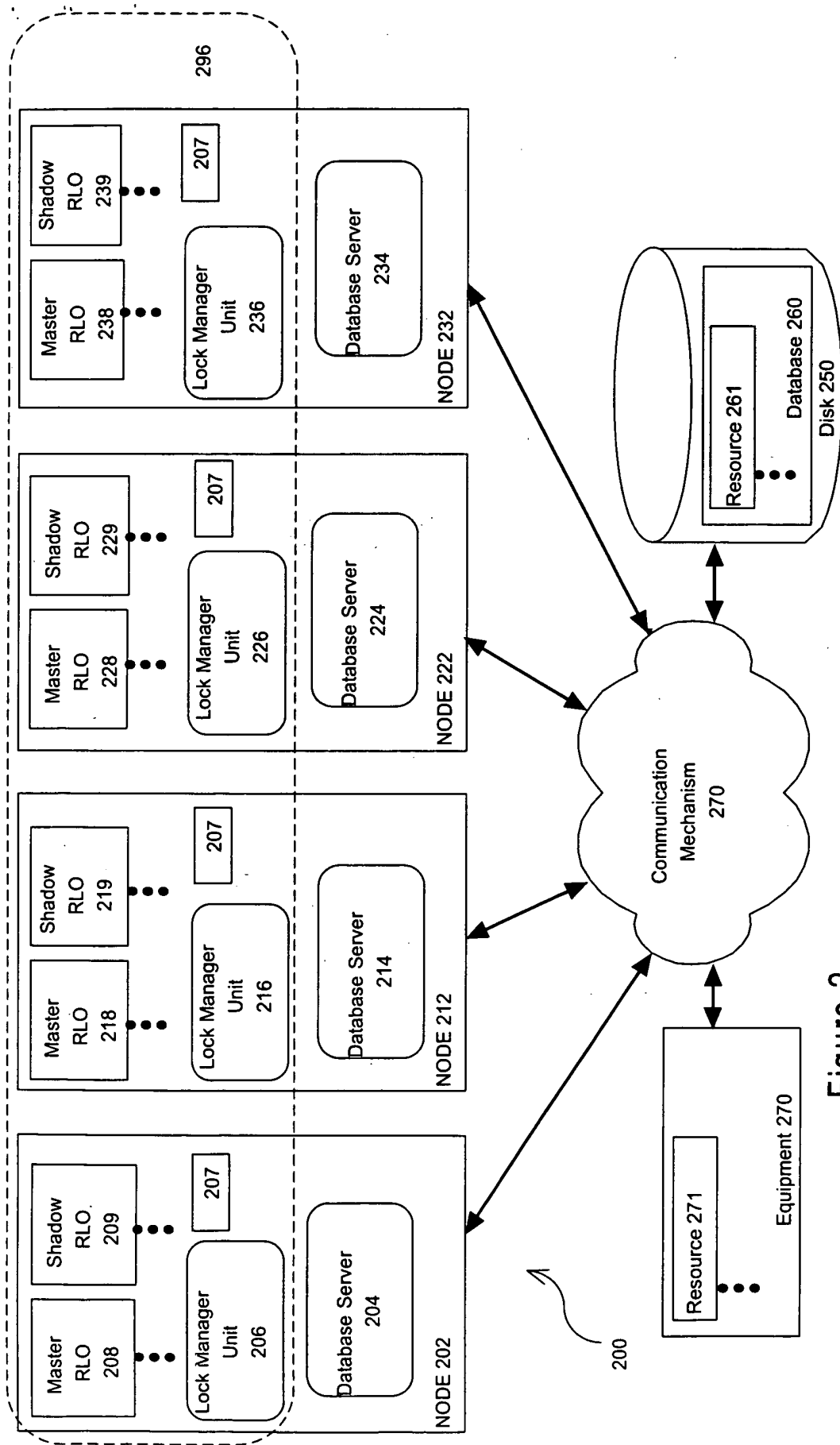


Figure 2

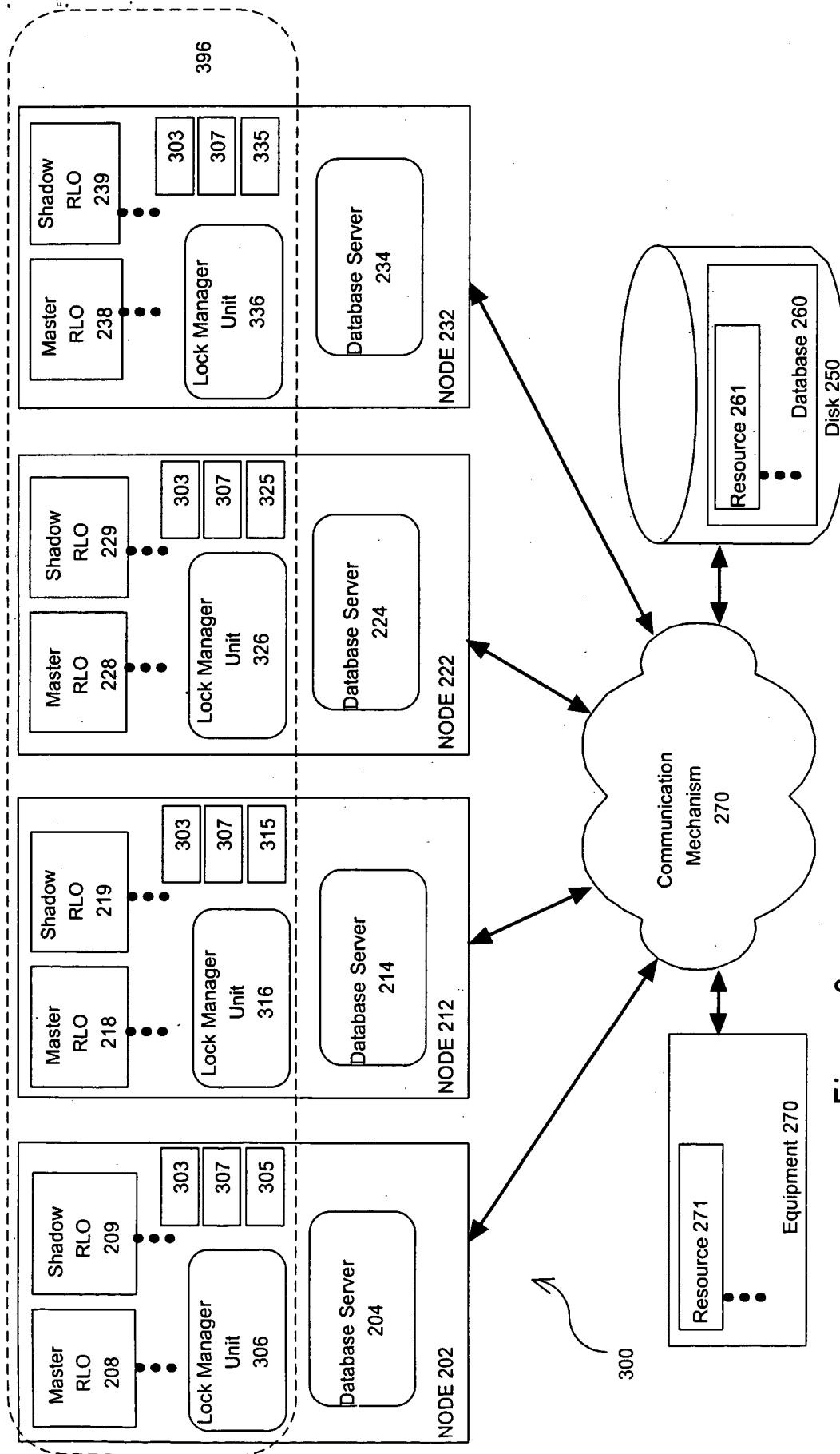


Figure 3

400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 408 409 410 411 412

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Hash Value Range	Master Node
0-9	202
10-19	212
20-29	222
30-39	232
40-49	202
50-59	212
60-69	222
70-79	232
80-89	202
90-99	212
100-109	222
110-119	232

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Figure 4A

FIG. 4B is a diagram of a data structure 400, such as a hash table, according to one embodiment. The data structure 400 includes a master node 402 and a plurality of hash value ranges 404, 406, 408, and 410. The master node 402 is associated with a master node identifier 412, and each hash value range 404, 406, 408, and 410 is associated with a hash value range identifier 414, 416, 418, and 420, respectively. The master node 402 and the hash value ranges 404, 406, 408, and 410 are arranged in a table 400. The master node 402 is located in the first column of the table 400, and the hash value ranges 404, 406, 408, and 410 are located in the second column of the table 400. The master node identifier 412 is located in the first row of the first column, and the hash value range identifiers 414, 416, 418, and 420 are located in the first row of the second column. The master node 402 is associated with a master node identifier 412, and each hash value range 404, 406, 408, and 410 is associated with a hash value range identifier 414, 416, 418, and 420, respectively. The master node 402 and the hash value ranges 404, 406, 408, and 410 are arranged in a table 400. The master node 402 is located in the first column of the table 400, and the hash value ranges 404, 406, 408, and 410 are located in the second column of the table 400. The master node identifier 412 is located in the first row of the first column, and the hash value range identifiers 414, 416, 418, and 420 are located in the first row of the second column.

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Master Node	Hash Value Ranges
202	0-9,40-49,80-89, ...
212	10-19,50-59,90-99, ...
222	20-29,60-69,100-109, ...
232	30-39,70-79,110-119, ...

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← 424

Figure 4B

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Actual Node	Weight	
202	-1	← 501
212	0	← 502
222	2	← 503
232	1	← 504
Node E	4	← 505
Node F	1	← 506
Node G	0	← 507
Node H	-1	← 508
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Figure 5

Hash Value Range	Node 202	Node 212	Node 222	...
0-9	10	10	0	← 601
10-19	0	1	5	← 602
20-29	2	5	1	← 603
30-39	100	10	2	← 604
40-49	0	0	1	← 605
50-59	1	0	1	← 606
60-69	100	100	1	← 607
70-79	30	30	0	← 608
80-89	0	0	0	← 609
90-99	0	0	0	← 610
100-109	0	0	0	← 611
110-119	0	0	0	← 612

Figure 6

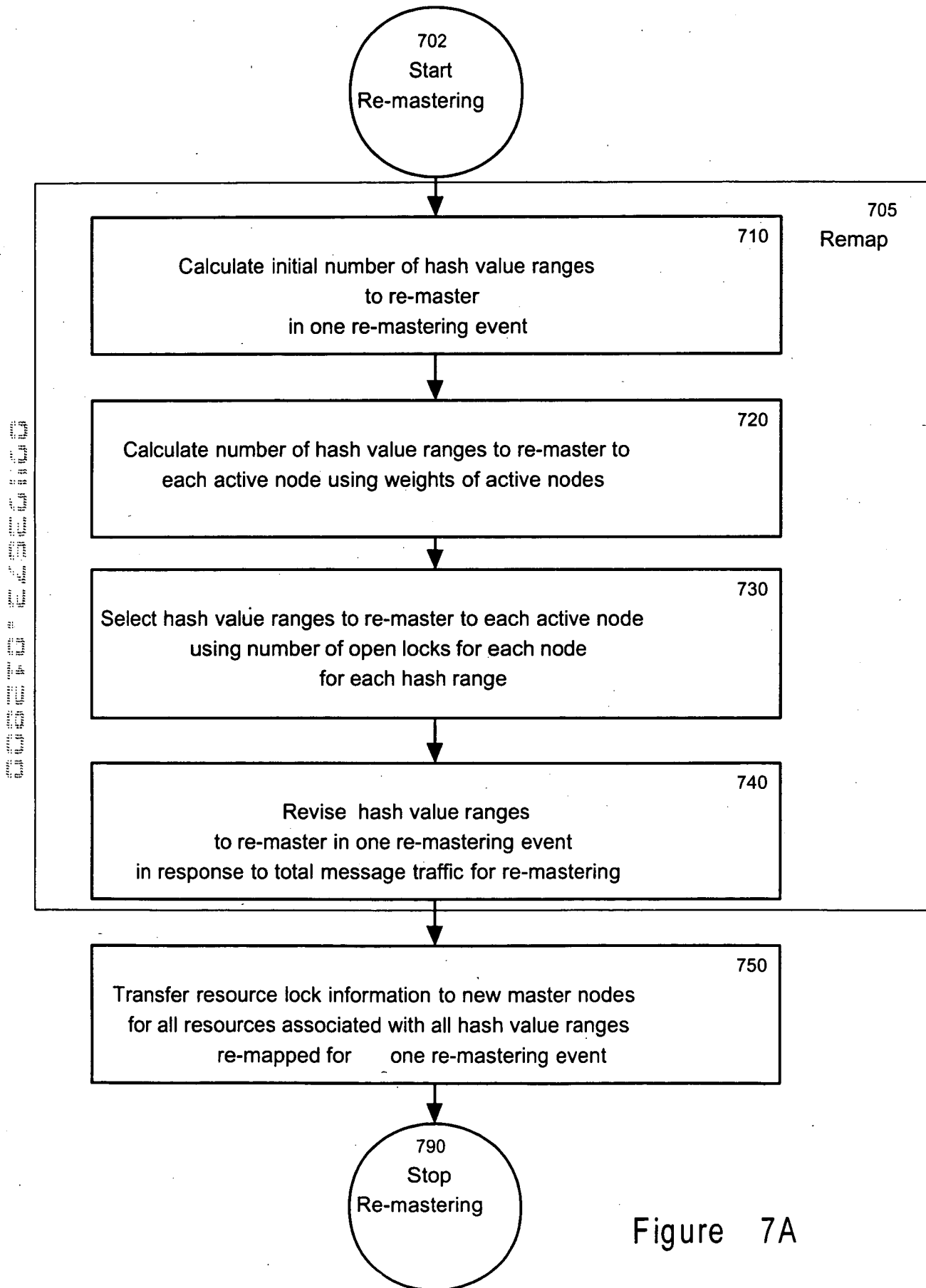


Figure 7A



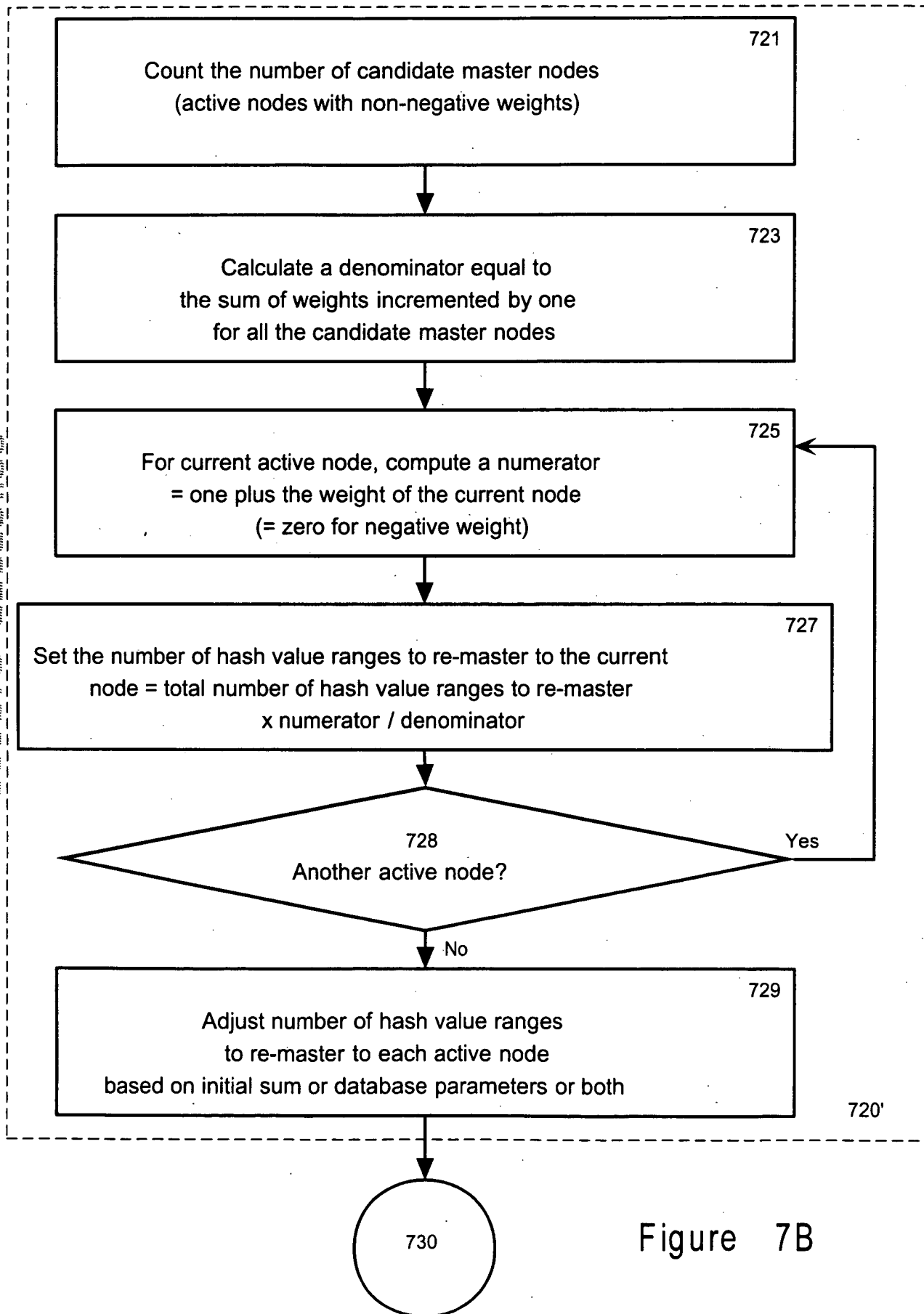


Figure 7B

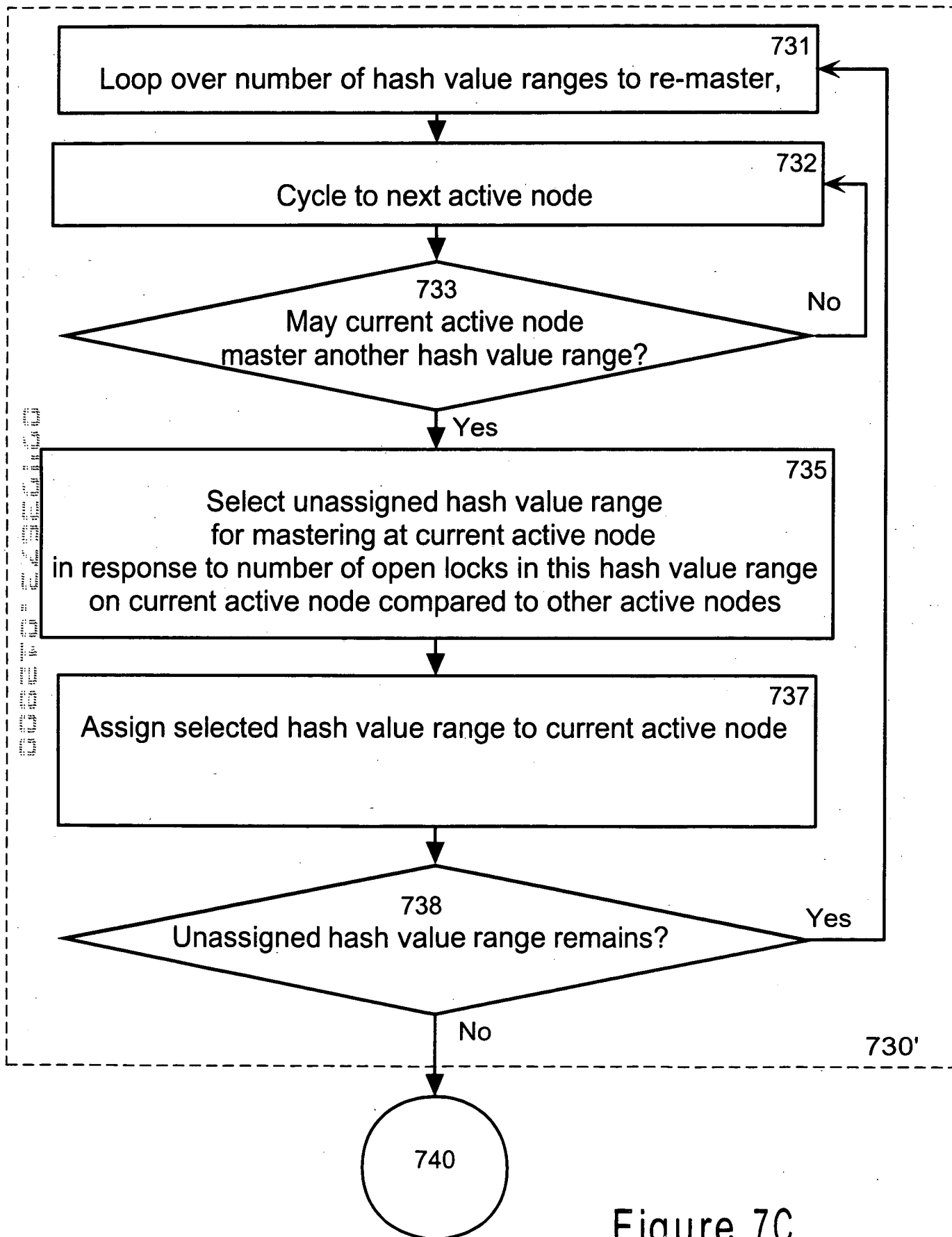


Figure 7C

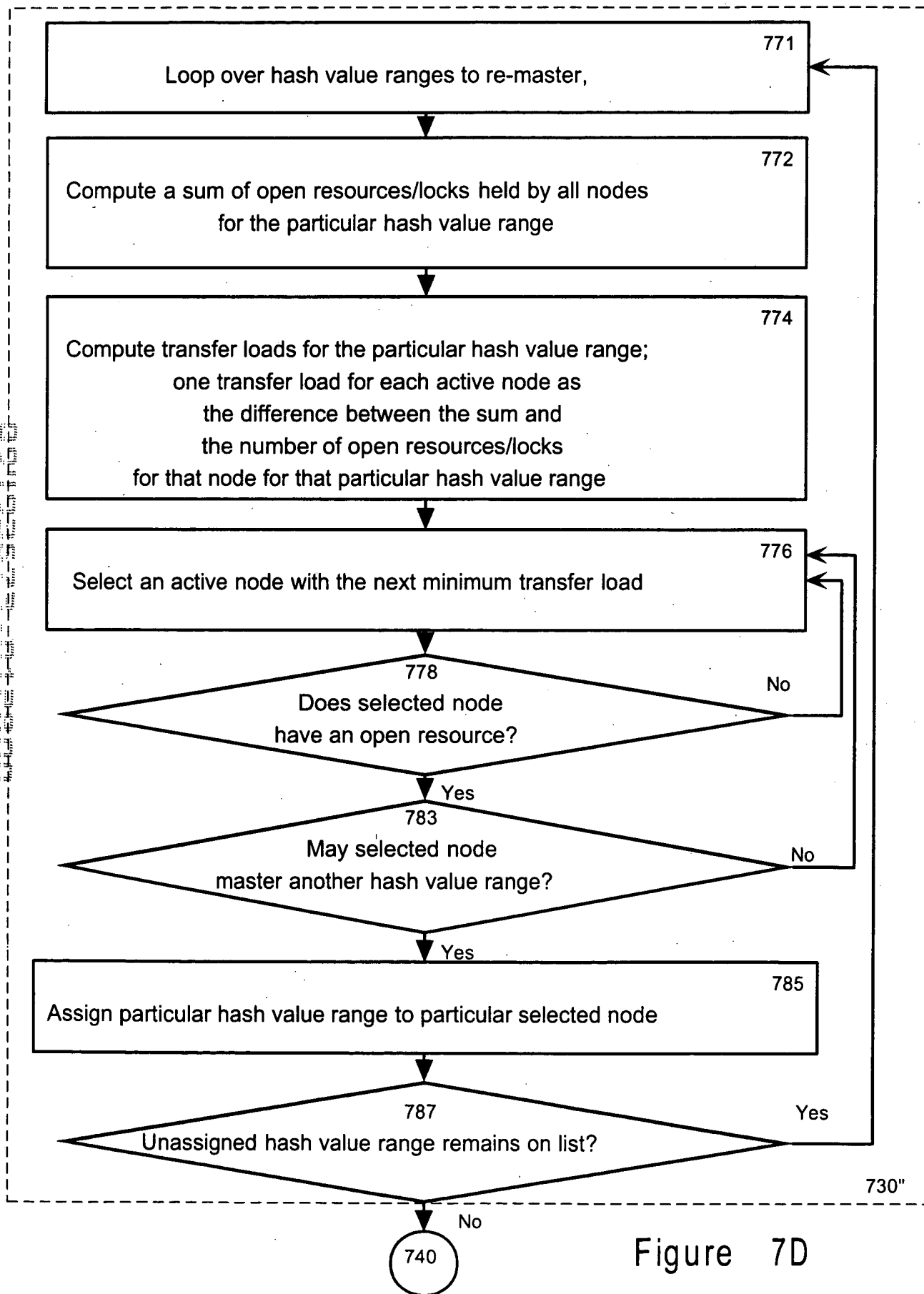


Figure 7D

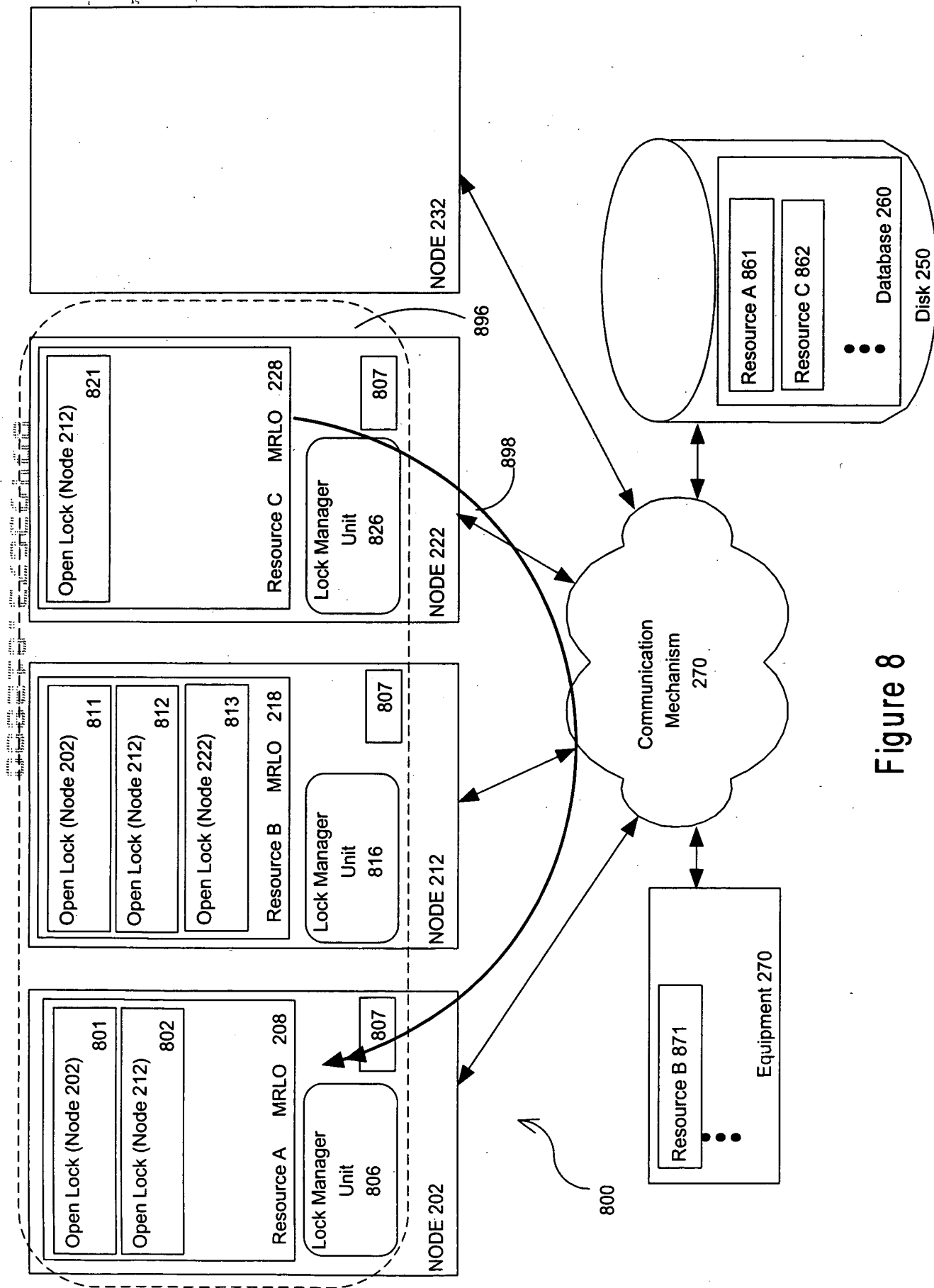


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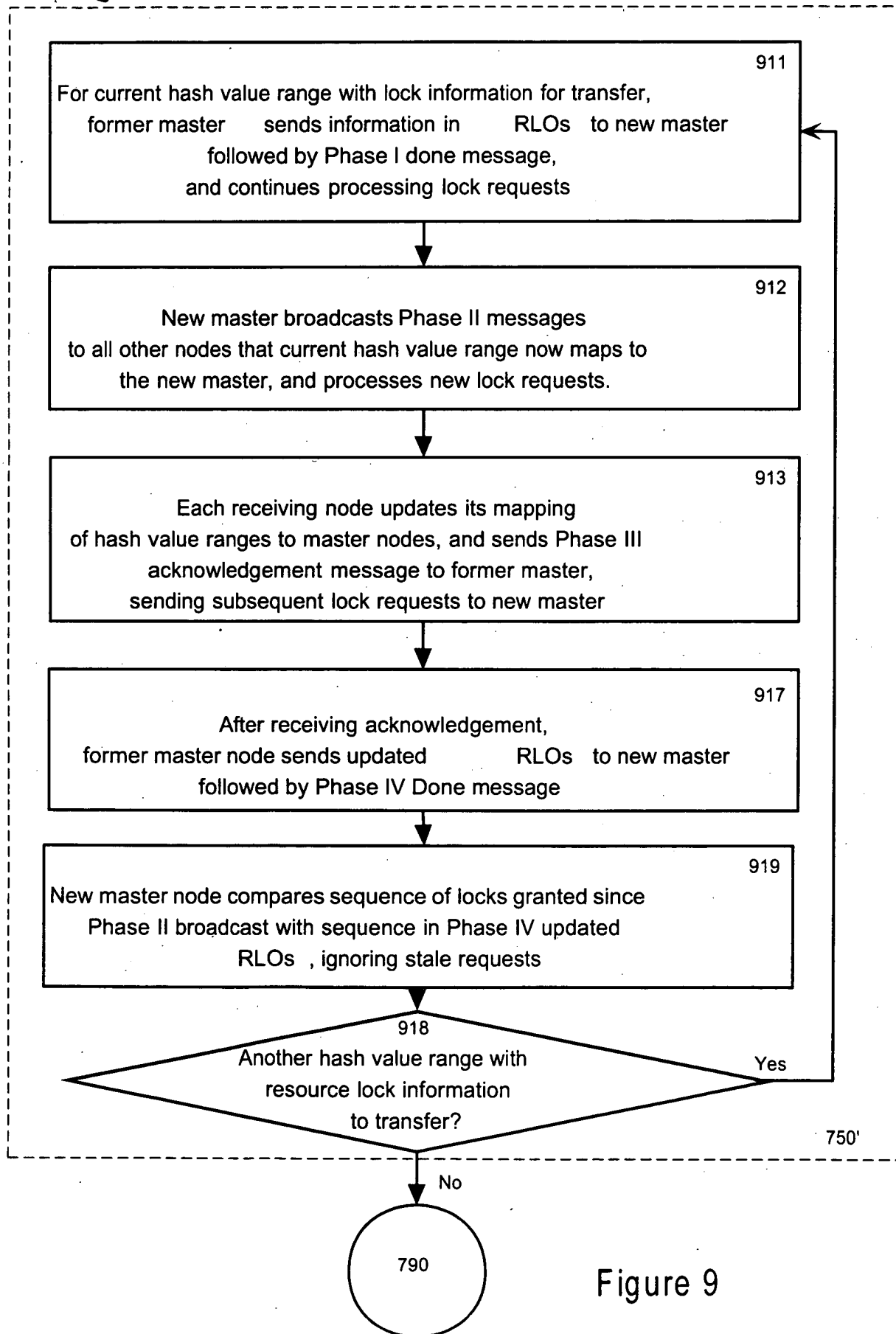


Figure 9

Figure 10A

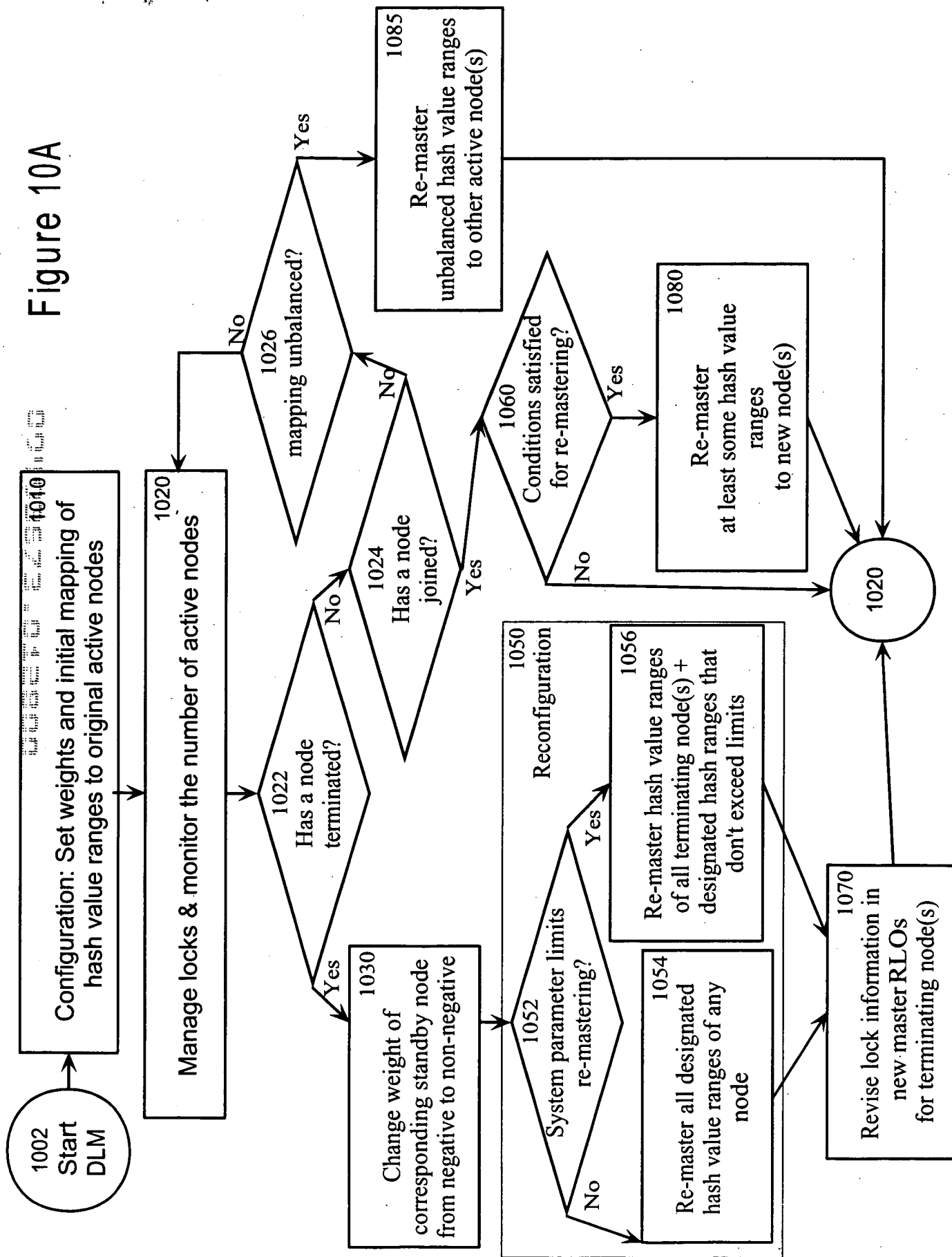
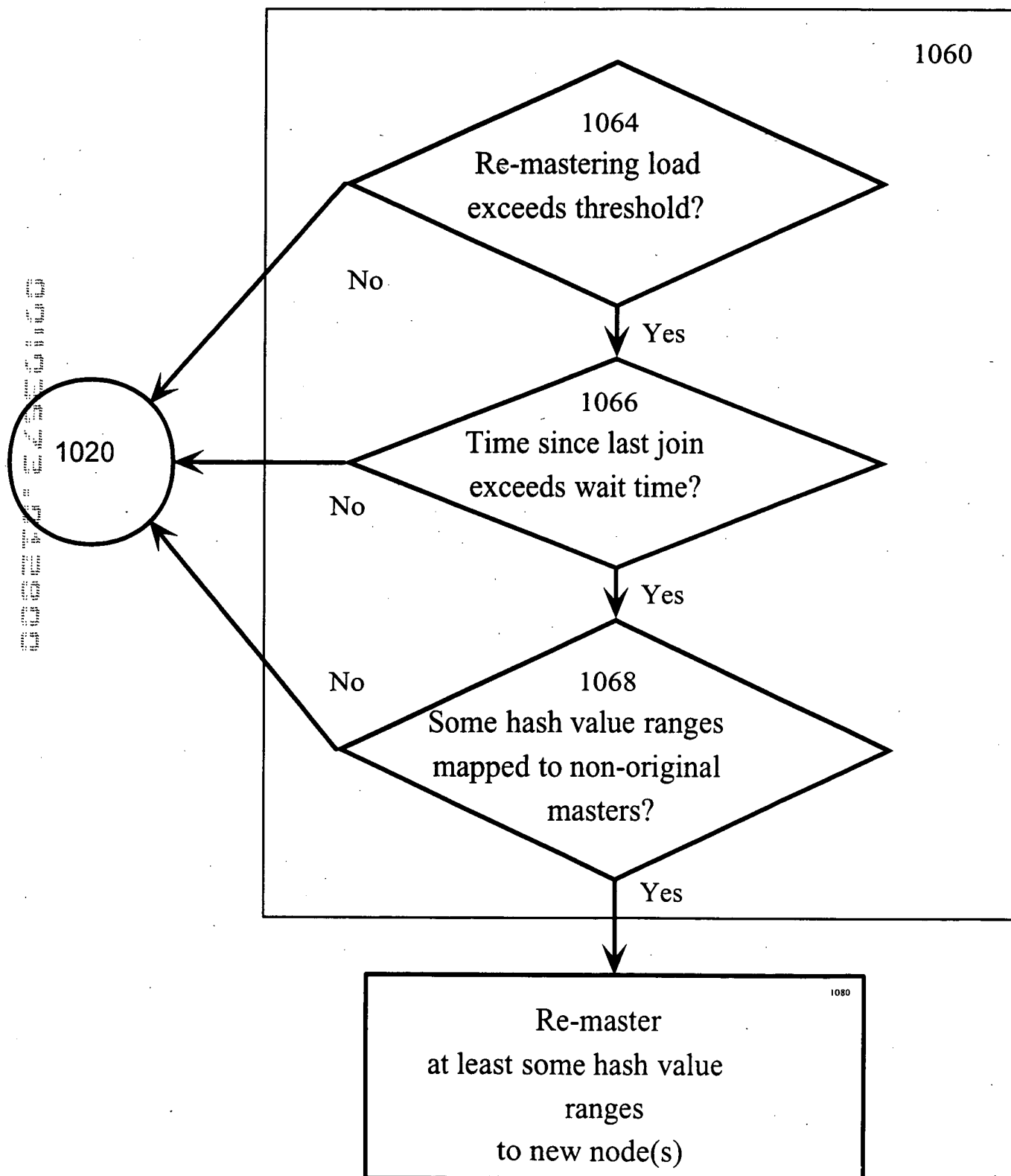


Figure 10B



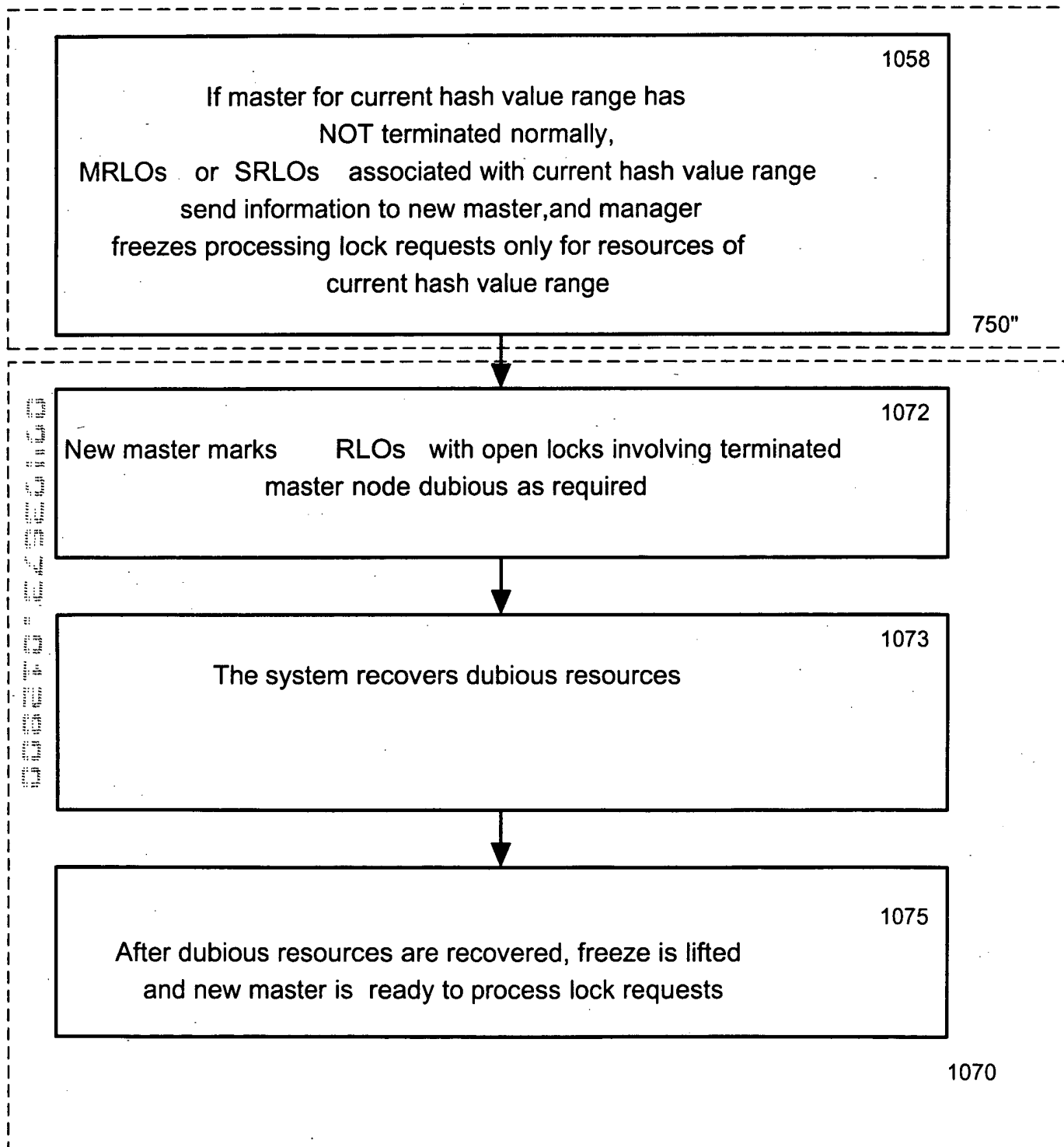


Figure 10C